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To: JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION COUNTIES
Chief Probation Officers
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Program Managers
Other Interested Parties

From: Karen L. Stoll, Deputy Director
Corrections Planning and Programs Division

Subject: Opportunity For Federal Juvenile Justice Challenge Funding
Deadline May 7, 2004 for Interest Letter To Be Received By BOC

On April 15, 2004, the Board of Corrections (BOC) met and approved a proposed approach for distributing one-year federal Title II, Part E (Challenge) funds. The plan will allow counties to leverage their Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) state programs with additional monies from Challenge. It will also provide an opportunity to fund a new innovative program. The federal funding, also known as the Challenge Activities Program, will provide a total of \$1,755,908 beginning on or before July 1, 2004 and ending on June 30, 2005. While not a great deal of money compared to the total annual allocation of JJCPA funds, we believe that it will assist many counties who were particularly hard hit with the reduction in JJCPA funding levels for FY 2004-2005. We have streamlined the application/grant award process, modifying the familiar application template used for JJCPA. Due to federal assurance/compliance requirements, other forms must be completed and signed.

Counties wishing to utilize the federal Challenge Activities Program funds are encouraged to enhance or expand existing JJCPA activities or a new program that will meet at least one of the ten Challenge Activity categories described in Attachment 1. However, if a new program is proposed the need must be identified and discussed in the county's Comprehensive Multiagency Juvenile Justice Plan and must also fall within one of the Challenge Activities Program areas.

The distribution formula approved by the BOC is as follows:

- \$5,000 for small counties (less than .05% of the population);
- \$10,000 for small counties (less than 1% of the population);
- \$15,000 for medium size counties (less than 2% of the population); and,
- the balance of funds distributed to large counties based upon percentage of population.

If a county chooses not to accept the additional funding, their allocation will be distributed among the large counties over 2% of the population. Attachment 2 includes the funding amounts for each county. The Challenge funding is limited to only one year as Congress did not appropriate additional funding for this program.

Although Challenge funds will be linked to JJCPA, they remain separate grant awards as we must track their progress and expenditures using federal awarding and reporting criteria. The following is a comparison of the differences/similarities between JJCPA and Challenge award requirements:

JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT (JJCPA)	TITLE II, PART E, CHALLENGE PROGRAM
– Funds are advanced to counties, invested, and earn interest which is returned to the fund for programs.	– Funds are expended and reimbursed quarterly based on an invoice prepared by the county.
– Maintain separate accounting records.	– Maintain separate accounting records.
– No match requirement.	– No match requirement.
– A BOS resolution required.	– A BOS resolution required.
– No audit required, but recommended that financial reviews/audits occur annually.	– Audit required, if federal grant awards exceed \$500,000 per year. If less than \$500,000 no audit requirement.
– Funded projects must have demonstrated effectiveness.	– Challenge allows for the funding of innovative programs that address any of the 10 Challenge activity.
– Outcome reporting due annually to the Board.	– Same or similar data and reporting schedule as JJCPA. If augmenting JJCPA project, county will use same online outcome reporting structure.
– No Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEO) reporting requirements. State and federal law must be followed.	– An EEO or certification is required based on the amount of federal dollars received by the agency. Contact your BOC Field Representative if you have any question of applicability to your agency. Community-based agencies are exempt.
– Online application available on BOC website and due annually by May 1. No executed grant award, but BOC processes a release letter to County Auditor to release the allocation.*	– Online application similar to JJCPA will be on BOC website after April 30, 2004. Due date for receipt is June 16, 2004. Grant Award must be prepared and signed by person authorized to enter into award agreement.

*We realize that counties are currently developing their Comprehensive Multi-agency Juvenile Justice Plan and application for JJCPA, which is due to the BOC on May 1, 2004, and that this funding opportunity may affect your ability to meet this due date. Therefore, if you need additional time to develop strategies for incorporating Challenge funds and activities into your JJCPA Plan for FY2004-05 please contact your assigned Field Representative to adjust the due date.

As a result of my recent appointment to Deputy Director for the BOC's Corrections Planning and Programs Division, and the addition of the federal juvenile justice grant programs to BOC, we have been able to assemble an experienced team of Field Representatives to work with you and your projects. They are available to assist you in developing your application and also providing technical assistance where needed. Most of you have worked with Mike Barber, John Berner, Susan King, and Marlon Yarber in other Board assignments, so I am extremely happy to have an experienced team available that will be assisting me in working with you on the oversight of this program. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at (916) 445-8066, kstoll@bdcorr.ca.gov or your assigned Field Representative: Mike Barber, mbarber@bdcorr.ca.gov; Susan King, sking@bdcorr.ca.gov, or Marlon Yarber, myarber@bdcorr.ca.gov. Questions regarding performance outcomes should be addressed to Research Evaluator John Berner, jberner@bdcorr.ca.gov. Field Representative assignments for each county are located in Attachment 3.

After reading the requirements of the program, should you decide that you would like to receive the Challenge funding, we request that you email the completed Challenge Participation Interest Form (Attachment 4) by May 7, 2004 to Mike Barber at mbarber@bdcorr.ca.gov.

Enclosures

Challenge Activity Areas

Congress enacted the JJDPa in 1974 to provide a comprehensive, coordinated approach to the problems of juvenile delinquency. The JJDPa requires that grant funds support advanced techniques in developing, maintaining, and expanding programs and services designed to: prevent juvenile delinquency; divert juveniles from the juvenile justice system; and to provide community-based alternatives to juvenile detention and correctional facilities.

Programs can be funded that incorporate and support the philosophy behind the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Comprehensive Strategy. The Comprehensive Strategy incorporates two principle goals:

1. To prevent youth from becoming delinquent by focusing prevention programs on at-risk youth.
2. To improve the juvenile justice system response to delinquent offenders through a system of graduated sanctions and a continuum of treatment alternatives.

ACTIVITY A Developing and adopting policies and programs to provide basic health, mental health, and appropriate education services, including special education, for youth in the juvenile justice system as specified in standards developed by the National Advisory Committee for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention prior to October 12, 1984.

ACTIVITY B Developing and adopting policies and programs to provide access to counsel for all juveniles in the justice system to ensure that juveniles consult with counsel before waiving the right to counsel.

ACTIVITY C Increasing community-based alternatives to incarceration by establishing programs (such as expanded use of probation, mediation, restitution, community service, treatment, home detention, intensive supervision, and electronic monitoring) and developing and adopting a set of objective criteria for the appropriate placement of juveniles in detention and secure confinement.

ACTIVITY D Developing and adopting policies and programs to provide secure settings for the placement of violent juvenile offenders by closing down traditional training schools and replacing them with secure settings with capacities of no more than 50 violent juvenile offenders with ratios of staff to youth great enough to ensure adequate supervision and treatment.

ACTIVITY E Developing and adopting policies to prohibit gender bias in placement and treatment and establishing programs to ensure that female youth have access to the full range of health and mental health services, treatment for physical or sexual assault and abuse, self defense instruction, education in parenting, education in general, and other training and vocational services.

- ACTIVITY F** Establishing and operating, either directly or by contract or arrangement with a public agency or other appropriate private nonprofit organization (other than an agency or organization that is responsible for licensing or certifying out-of-home care services for youth), a State ombudsman office for children, youth, and families to investigate and resolve complaints relating to action, inaction, or decisions of providers of out-of-home care to children and youth (including secure detention and correctional facilities, residential care facilities, public agencies, and social service agencies) that may adversely affect the health, safety, welfare, or rights of resident children and youth.
- ACTIVITY G** Developing and adopting policies and programs designed to remove, where appropriate, status offenders from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court to prevent the placement in secure detention facilities or secure correctional facilities of juveniles who are non-offenders or who are charged with or who have committed offenses that would not be criminal if committed by an adult.
- ACTIVITY H** Developing and adopting programs designed to serve as alternatives to suspension and expulsion from school.
- ACTIVITY I** Increasing aftercare services for juveniles involved in the justice system by establishing programs and developing and adopting policies to provide comprehensive health, mental health, education, and vocational services and services that preserve and strengthen the families of such juveniles.
- ACTIVITY J** Developing and adopting policies to establish:
- a. A State administrative structure to coordinate program and fiscal policies for children who have emotional and behavioral problems and their families among the major child-serving systems, including schools, social services, health services, mental health services, and the juvenile justice system; and
 - b. A statewide case review system.

Distribution Table for Title II, Part E Challenge funds

COUNTY	POPULATION	PERCENTAGE	FUNDING LEVEL \$ 1,755,908
ALAMEDA	1,496,200	4.2038%	\$ 68,925
ALPINE	1,210	0.0034%	\$ 5,000
AMADOR	36,530	0.1026%	\$ 10,000
BUTTE	210,410	0.5912%	\$ 10,000
CALAVERAS	42,450	0.1193%	\$ 10,000
COLUSA	19,705	0.0554%	\$ 10,000
CONTRA COSTA	995,100	2.7959%	\$ 45,841
DEL NORTE	27,825	0.0782%	\$ 10,000
EL DORADO	165,950	0.4663%	\$ 10,000
FRESNO	841,560	2.3645%	\$ 38,768
GLENN	27,050	0.0760%	\$ 10,000
HUMBOLDT	128,360	0.3606%	\$ 10,000
IMPERIAL	150,940	0.4241%	\$ 10,000
INYO	18,370	0.0516%	\$ 10,000
KERN	702,905	1.9749%	\$ 15,000
KINGS	136,150	0.3825%	\$ 10,000
LAKE	61,300	0.1722%	\$ 10,000
LASSEN	34,950	0.0982%	\$ 10,000
LOS ANGELES	9,979,465	28.0389%	\$ 459,721
MADERA	131,150	0.3685%	\$ 10,000
MARIN	250,415	0.7036%	\$ 10,000
MARIPOSA	17,450	0.0490%	\$ 5,000
MENDOCINO	88,205	0.2478%	\$ 10,000
MERCED	225,115	0.6325%	\$ 10,000
MODOC	9,335	0.0262%	\$ 5,000
MONO	13,325	0.0374%	\$ 5,000
MONTEREY	415,845	1.1684%	\$ 15,000
NAPA	129,805	0.3647%	\$ 10,000
NEVADA	95,780	0.2691%	\$ 10,000
ORANGE	2,978,700	8.3691%	\$ 137,218
PLACER	275,585	0.7743%	\$ 10,000
PLUMAS	20,870	0.0586%	\$ 10,000
RIVERSIDE	1,705,625	4.7922%	\$ 78,572
SACRAMENTO	1,309,740	3.6799%	\$ 60,335
SAN BENITO	56,310	0.1582%	\$ 10,000
SAN BERNARDINO	1,833,050	5.1502%	\$ 84,442
SAN DIEGO	2,961,700	8.3214%	\$ 136,436
SAN FRANCISCO	791,600	2.2241%	\$ 36,466
SAN JOAQUIN	613,450	1.7236%	\$ 15,000
SAN LUIS OBISPO	256,200	0.7198%	\$ 10,000
SAN MATEO	717,015	2.0146%	\$ 33,031
SANTA BARBARA	410,285	1.1528%	\$ 15,000
SANTA CLARA	1,729,925	4.8605%	\$ 79,692
SANTA CRUZ	259,800	0.7299%	\$ 10,000
SHASTA	172,025	0.4833%	\$ 10,000
SIERRA	3,520	0.0099%	\$ 5,000
SISKIYOU	44,400	0.1247%	\$ 10,000
SOLANO	411,925	1.1574%	\$ 15,000
SONOMA	472,625	1.3279%	\$ 15,000
STANISLAUS	481,620	1.3532%	\$ 15,000
SUTTER	83,250	0.2339%	\$ 10,000
TEHAMA	57,655	0.1620%	\$ 10,000
TRINITY	13,300	0.0374%	\$ 5,000
TULARE	386,275	1.0853%	\$ 15,000
TUOLUMNE	56,510	0.1588%	\$ 10,000
VENTURA	791,500	2.2238%	\$ 36,461
YOLO	181,350	0.5095%	\$ 10,000
YUBA	62,840	0.1766%	\$ 10,000
TOTAL		99.9997%	\$ 1,755,908

County Field Representative Assignments

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1. Colusa 2. Del Norte 3. El Dorado 4. Humboldt 5. Inyo 6. Kern 7. Lake 8. Los Angeles 9. Marin 10. Mendocino 11. Modoc 12. Mono 13. Orange 14. San Joaquin 15. San Mateo 16. Santa Barbara 17. Sonoma 18. Stanislaus 19. Ventura 20. Yolo	1. Amador 2. Butte 3. Calaveras 4. Fresno 5. Glenn 6. Imperial 7. Lassen 8. Madera 9. Napa 10. Nevada 11. Placer 12. Plumas 13. San Diego 14. Shasta 15. Siskiyou 16. Solano	1. Alameda 2. Alpine 3. Contra Costa 4. Kings 5. Mariposa 6. Merced 7. Monterey 8. Riverside 9. Sacramento 10. San Benito 11. San Bernardino 12. San Francisco 13. San Luis Obispo 14. Santa Clara 15. Santa Cruz 16. Sierra 17. Sutter 18. Tehama 19. Trinity 20. Tulare 21. Tuolumne 22. Yuba

Challenge Participation Interest Form

County: _____

Chief Probation Officer: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please indicate your interest in participating in the Challenge Activity Program.

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Yes, I do want to participate in the Challenge Activity Program.

If yes, specify the Challenge Activity area(s) A through J that you will be addressing (see attachment 1)

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No, I do not want to participate in the Challenge Activity Program.

Please email this form to your assigned Field Representative no later than May 7, 2004.

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Susan King: sking@bdcorr.ca.gov